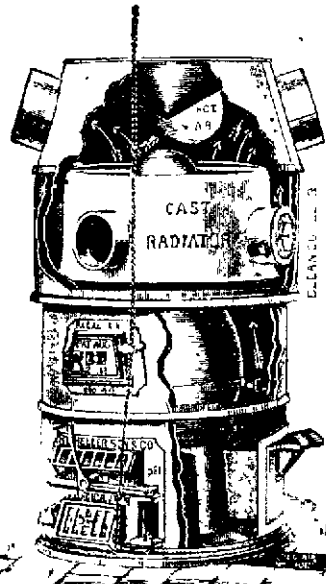


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The ladies of the Industrial Union desire to have the ladies bring to the room on Monday hat trimmings to be used on hats for children which have been donated. There are many little girls who are unable to go to Sunday School for want of hats.

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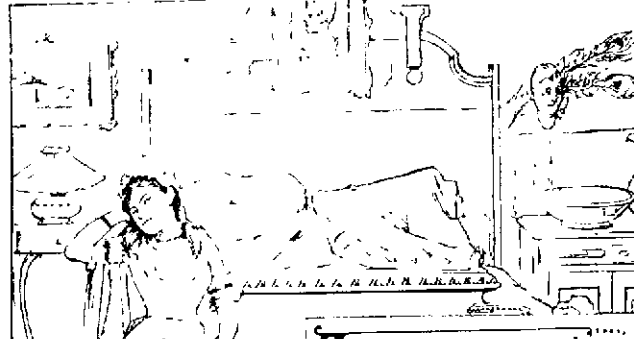
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A laundrymaid pretty and stout,
 Was lately in trouble and doubt,
 For her best counterpanes
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Rumatix kind of knocked us, but still we are able to show some of the LIVELIEST BARGAINS IN CLOTHING to be found in Decatur, as the ENTIRE STOCK OF CLOTHING GOES, REGARDLESS OF COST!

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Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Gold-Mounted Umbrellas—EVERYTHING suitable for a Holiday Present for your friends.

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Gas Fixtures, Globes, Iron and Lead Pipe,
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259 North Main Street, DECATUR, ILL.

May 13-17

TELEPHONE 76.

P. PERL,
EMBALMER
Funeral Director

DECATUR, ILL.

GET HOME-MADE CIGARS.
SMOKE THE BLUE LABEL.

HALL OF CIGAR-MARKERS UNION NO. 20—To smokers and cigar dealers of Decatur and vicinity. We the members of Cigar-makers' Union No. 20, respectfully submit the subjoined statement of facts for your consideration, and trust that you will co-operate with us in this matter. Our object is to induce the smokers and dealers to handle nothing but the BLUE LABEL Union made cigars. At present only about one-fifth of the cigars consumed here are made here. This means a loss of between sixty and eighty thousand dollars a year that would remain with us and help build up the business of Decatur, and it is a known fact that the prosperity of a community largely depends upon the steady employment of its citizens and the amount of wealth that is distributed each week or month in wages. When people generally are employed at good wages, it increases their power of consumption of useful and necessary articles, the beneficial effects of which are immediately felt in all branches of industry and trade. When people are idle or are employed at low wages their power to consume is lessened and this, too, is felt in the trade of the community, and soon complaints are heard on every hand of dull trade, hard times, etc. At present a very large number of our dealers sell principally cheap cigars made outside of the state, in the tenement houses of New York, state prisons and from the cheap districts elsewhere, thus depriving many of us of employment and compelling us to compete with this cheap work, which, if not checked, will have a tendency to still further lower our standard of living. And as our earnings each week pass over the counters of the different business houses of our city, in exchange for such articles as are necessary to provide for the wants and comfort of life, the greater the earnings the greater will be the exchange. We therefore respectfully appeal to you for your sympathy and aid in furthering the cigar industry in this city, and to handle and smoke only such cigars as bear the blue label of our organization. Every 1000 cigars consumed here but not made here means a loss of at least, from \$15 to \$20 to the people in Decatur. Hoping you will give this your careful consideration, we once more respectfully but urgently request the smokers and dealers to reciprocate and give us their support by patronizing home industry and to smoke and sell Union made cigars, i.e., those bearing the blue label of the C. M. I. U. of A., the only label for cigars now in use.

The Binegrase Shop will make you low figures on vehicle work. apr 16-17

FOR RENT, FOR SALE, WANTED, &c.

(Notices in this column, of five lines or less will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.)

MARRIAGE—Marriage paper and particulars of Marriage Association that pays members \$1.00 per month. Address: C. H. BROWN, 125-127 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill. 4-25-17

FOR RENT—A house with 10 rooms, bath, kitchen, and all modern conveniences. Call on J. H. BROWN, 125-127 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill. 4-25-17

WANTED—A disheveled man at the Hotel, opposite the Union House, Wells & Co. 4-25-17

WANTED—A man to take care of the horses and carriage of the Union House, Wells & Co. 4-25-17

FOR SALE—A lot of Second Class Stoves and Furniture, as good as new, very cheap, at the FURNITURE AND STOVE DEPOT, 125-127 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill. 4-25-17

FURNISHED ROOMS—Rent at European Hotel, open all night. Best food in the city. Come and get prices. S. H. JAMESON, 4-25-17

BARRICKETT—At 701 N. Church Street, will repair your house, fence, build your porch, or do anything in the line of carpentering. Good work at all times with promptness. nov-15-17

MINI WANTED—To represent on well established territory. Good pay weekly. Good references. Apply, quick, starting age. 4-25-17

FOR RENT—No. 505 West William, corner of Chicago, house of 6 rooms in good repair, good stable. Rent \$25 per month. Apply to J. H. BROWN, 125-127 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill. 4-25-17

R. L. DICKINSON, Architect and Builder, Plans and specifications for new buildings, estimates and estimates on applications. Office, over Union House, Wells & Co., with George W. Hanley. 4-25-17

WANTED—You are wanted to call and buy second-hand furniture and household goods. A large assortment at low prices. HARRY FISH, Court House Block. 4-25-17

Wanted—Everybody to know that Watson & Hughes will make your pants, suits, and overcoats cheaper than any other tailor in Decatur. The largest and best selected line of pure goods of all grades in the city. WATSON & HUGHES, 127 East Main Street. 4-25-17

MONEY TO LOAN on Improved Farms and City Property at low interest rates. \$1000 to \$5000 at 7 per cent. 100 to \$1000 at 8 per cent. 100 to \$1000 at 9 per cent. 100 to \$1000 at 10 per cent. W. F. WAGNER, 125-127 N. Main St., over Ferriss & Lapham's Shoe Store. 4-25-17

MONEY to loan in large and small amounts. Loans made on live stock, farm implements, or household goods. All classes of loans negotiated on short notice. Loans on farms and city business property at 6 per cent. interest. Apply to A. C. HUMPHREY, over New York Store. 4-25-17

New Real Estate
INSURANCE FIRM.

John Nicholls and B. McGorray

Having consolidated their REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE AND LOAN BUSINESS, offer special inducements to the business men and citizens of Decatur, as well as to the farmers of Macon, and adjoining counties, and inform them that they have first-class facilities for placing insurance at current rates, in reliable companies, on business buildings and their contents, both in Decatur and surrounding towns. They make a Specialty of City Dwelling and Farm Property.

LOANS MADE
 On Farm and Business Houses at LOW RATES OF INTEREST, and on Dwelling in this city at current rates. Will sell or exchange Farm or City Property, or stocks of Merchandise, Western Land, &c. Will write Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts, Rice, and take acknowledgments of the same. Will sell Tickets to and from Europe by the best lines of Ocean Steamers.

OFFICE NO. 243 South Park,
 Over Dr. Dr. Stoner's Drug Store.
 Nov 19-17

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution on transcript of judgment to me directed and delivered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook county, in favor of Thomas J. Shaw, doing business in the name of T. Shaw & Co., and against Samuel Tipton, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot Number One (1) in block Number 231 of the 2nd add. subdivided property, to-wit: Lot Number One (1) in block Number 231 of the 2nd add. subdivided property of the said Samuel Tipton, situated in the city of Decatur, Illinois, and taken as property of the said Samuel Tipton, which I shall offer at public sale at the west end of the court house at Decatur, Macon county, in said state, on the first day of December, 1917, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

Decatur, Ill.,
 day of December, A. D. 1917.
 J. H. MAUZY,
 Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of George F. Kessler, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of George F. Kessler, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1917.
 ALBERT BARNES,
 Administrator.

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 The Great Skin Remedy
 Relieves and Cures
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PILES.
 Either Itching or Bleeding,
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 It instantly relieves the pain of Burns and
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 Small boxes 50c. Large boxes \$1.00.

Cole's Carbolisolve prevents pimples,
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 It is unequalled for use in hard water,
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Caution: The labels on the genuine are
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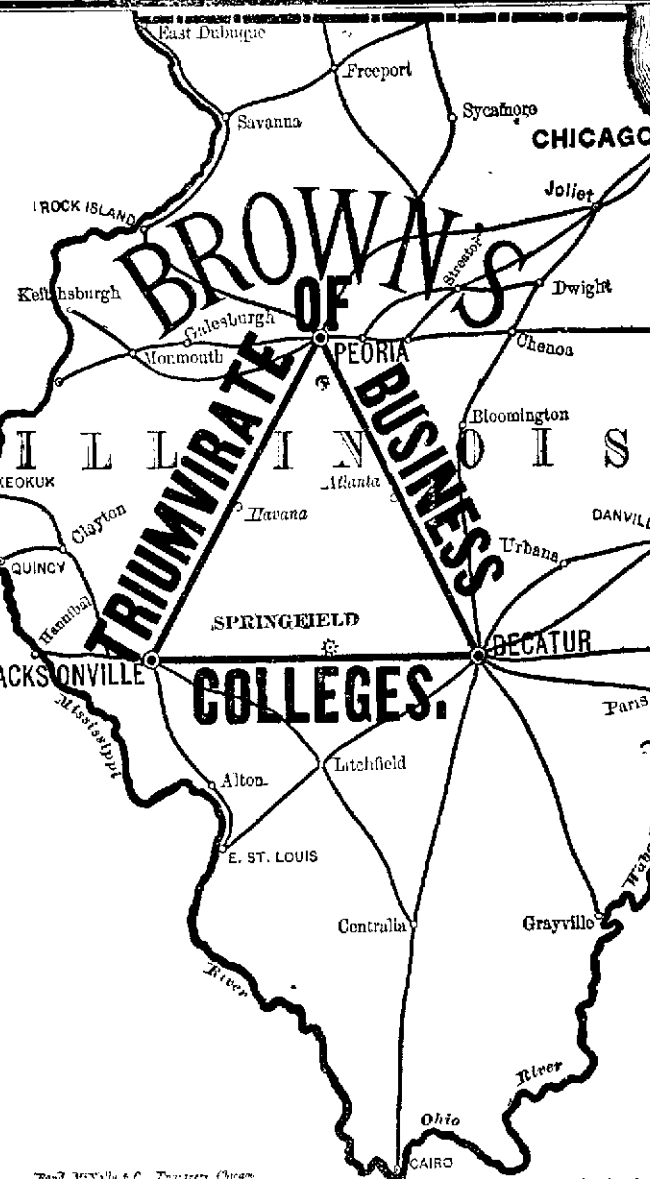
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 DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
 Office Hours: 7 to 10 a. m., 2 to 6 and 7 to 9 p. m.
 Office in Central Block, over B. Sine's
 Clothing Store.
 4-25-17

A. CHENOWETH, M. D.,
 PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
 will respond to calls in city or country day or
 night. OFFICE, corner Main and 1st St.,
 over Cheap Charlie's, entrance south side.
 4-25-17

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COURSES OF STUDY.

The Jacksonville, Peoria and Decatur Business Colleges offer to their patrons the following courses of study:

The Business Course: Short-Hand Type-Writing Course; Special Penmanship Course. Each of these courses may be pursued separately or in connection with another course. For example, those who enroll for the Business Course may, and often do, pursue the Short-Hand or the Special Penmanship Course at the same time.

The following brief outline of the several courses, naming the branches in the order in which they are pursued, together with a list of the text books used, will be valuable, for reference, to all who expect to enroll.

THE BUSINESS COURSE.

The Business Course is divided into three divisions or departments, and is pursued in the following order:

FIRST DIVISION, OR DEPARTMENT OF THEORY.

Book-keeping—Theory with forms—(Packard.)
 Business Arithmetic—Through Percentage—(Packard.)
 Business Penmanship—From Blackboard.
 Spelling—(Edwards.)
 English Language—(Harvey.)
 Lectures.

SECOND DIVISION, OR JUNIOR PRACTICE.

Book-keeping—Practical, with Business Practice Forms, and Correspondence.
 Business Arithmetic—Completed.
 Business Penmanship.
 Spelling—Completed.
 English Language—Completed.
 Lectures.

THIRD DIVISION, OR SENIOR PRACTICE.

Book-keeping—Applied to Transportation, Retail, Shipping, Commission, Wholesale and Banking, with the forms, forms and correspondence incidental to these branches of business.
 Business Penmanship.
 Commercial Law—(Williams & Rogers.)
 Civil Government—(Townsend.)
 Political Economy—(Harvey.)
 Lectures.

SHORT-HAND AND TYPE-WRITING COURSE.

This course embraces instruction in the following branches:

Short-hand—Benn Pitman—(Barnes & Pitman.)
 Short-hand—Stenograph—(Machine.)
 Type-writing—Caligraph and Remington.
 Spelling—(Edwards.)
 Penmanship—From Blackboard.
 English Grammar—(Harvey.)
 Correspondence—From Dictation.
 Commercial Bill-making—Dictation and Black-board.

SPECIAL PENMANSHIP COURSE.

In addition to the daily writing drill, in which all pupils of the college are required to engage, a special session is held from 4 to 5 p. m., for all who wish to devote special attention to penmanship. For this special session only \$2.50 a month is charged.

NEW CLASSES are now being formed in all departments. This is a good time to begin the course.

For the Students' Handbook, giving full particulars, address at city, the President,

G. W. BROWN.

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We have something to say to you on the prices of Opera Glasses and

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Our line is complete and we keep only

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Going Down Fast!

The Big Stock of SHOES which Ferriss & Lapham began to close out a few weeks since is going down fast. Any observer who passes the store can see the crowd inside, and know that the tremendous sales which we claim are being made every day. The people realize the fact that this grand closing out sale is the last and only chance to get shoes at lower prices than ever before known. It is a fact that

We are Selling at 20 Per Cent. Less Than Jobbers' Factory Cost.

Would we carry on the expense which this sale involves, would we make such prices if we did not mean business, if this sale was anything less than is claimed for it, a general closing out sale to quit business? Turn a deaf ear to those dealers who try to persuade you that this closing out sale is anything less than an effort to sell out everything at a sacrifice to quit business. Why do they express doubt? It is nothing but their own selfishness and their own desire to prevent the general stampede to this grand closing out sale which induces them to try to make you skeptical. Our

PRICES CARRY CONVICTION.

They are not like prices made by people who propose to stay and continue to do business here. They extend to every department in the business and they embrace every article in the stock. Holiday and Christmas slippers, everything that the present season makes especially desirable for Christmas gifts, we sell at less than jobbers' cost of manufacture. The temptation to hold for the common price on this line of goods at this season does not try us. We are in this sale to close out everything, and we will make you prices which will not only induce you to buy, but will cause you to talk to your neighbor about your purchases. The following list is only an index to the

Hundreds of Bargains Which Await You.

READ THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Men's Hand Sewed Shoes,	WORTH.	ONLY.	Ladies' Hand Turned and hand welt shoes, finest and best, worth \$5.00, at 2.50
Men's Machine Sewed Shoes,	\$5.00	\$3.00	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 3.00, at 2.00
Men's Machine sewed Shoes,	3.00	2.00	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 2.50, at 1.75
Men's Machine sewed Shoes,	2.00	1.40	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 2.00, at 1.25
Men's Heavy Boots,	1.50	1.00	Ladies' Dongola Shoes, worth 1.50, at 1.00
Men's Kip Boots,	2.00	1.50	Ladies' Rubbers, worth .40, at .25
Men's Veal Boots,	3.00	2.00	Ladies' Buckle Arctics, worth 1.25, at .75
Men's Calf Boots,	3.50	2.50	
Men's Calf Boots,	2.75	2.00	

TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER OF RUBBER GOODS.

Men's Buckle Arctics, \$1.00 worth \$1.50
 Men's Buckle Arctics, .90 worth 1.25
 Rubber Inst. Sandals, .50 worth .75
 Rubbers, Self-Acting, .50 worth .70

Miscellaneous Lot of Men's and Boys' Rubber Boots to close out. Men's formerly retailed at \$2.50, now only \$1.50
 Boys', formerly \$2.25, now only 1.00

The grand opportunity to get Boots and Shoes at one-half the usual cost is now and for the last time presented. Buy now; lay in your supplies for a year, and you will save big money.

+FERRISS & LAPHAM,+
148 East Main St., Decatur.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Estate of William F. Churchill, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that on Thursday, the second day of January, A. D. 1918, the Administrator of said estate, will present to the County Court of Macon county, at the County Court house in Decatur, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such Administrator, and ask the Court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate, and its administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose so to do.

December 16th, 1917.
 M. EINSTEIN,
 Administrator of said Estate.

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Chancery Notice

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
 COUNTY OF MACON.

In the Circuit Court to the January Term, A. D. 1918.

Martha Heriot vs. James Heriot.

Affidavit that the defendant cannot be found, having been tried in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said James Heriot, that the above named complainant heretofore filed her bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, which suit is still pending, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above-named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next January term of said court, to be held at the court house on the second Monday in January, 1918.

Now, unless you, the said James Heriot, shall be and appear before said court on the first day thereof, to plead, answer or demur to said bill, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

By JOHN & RANDOLPH, Solicitors for Complainant.
 dec-16-17

DR. A. S. WALTER,
DENTIST.
 Office over Barber & Baker's shoe store,
 East Main St. N. Decatur, Ill.

Executors' Notice.

Estate of Jeremiah Harpel, M. D., Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Executors of the estate of Jeremiah Harpel, M. D., late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that they will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1917.
 OLIVIA H. HARP,
 ALBERT BARNES,

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ST. Nicholas Hotel
CHAS. LAUX, Prop.
 South Side of Old Square, Decatur.

John A. Brown
 ATTORNEY AT LAW
 Office over Lin & Rogers' dry
 goods store on Court house square.